

## Joseph Ballard Letters

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### Biographical Note:

Joseph Ballard was a physician originally from Massachusetts. While in Indiana, Ballard lived in Door Village of Scipio Township in La Porte County. Door Village was named after the English translation of the county name la porte, which means "door." The village was founded in 1836, shortly before Ballard's letters were written.

#### *Source:*

History of La Porte County, Indiana. Chicago: Chas. C. Chapman & Co., 1880. 841

### Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains letters written by Joseph Ballard, who was living in northwest Indiana, to relatives living in New England. The letters contain his thoughts about life in the newly expanding American west, as well as accounts of his travels from Buffalo, New York through Detroit, Michigan and on to Indiana.

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### Item Listing:

1837 Nov. 25 Ballard, Joseph to David W. Taylor, ALS.

1838 Jan. 14 Ballard, Joseph to Louisa B. Taylor, ALS.

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### Collection Information:

*Size of Collection:* 1 folder  
*Collection Dates:* 1837-1838

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